GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PLAY GROUNDS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has drawn up any plan to organise a minimum number of play-grounds in each State;

(b) if so, whether the Government or Sports Authority of India have done any survey in this regard; and

(c) the findings thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. Sports Authority of India has no scheme for creating infrastructure facilities other than at its Six Regional Centres at Banglore, Kolkata, Gandhinagar, Imphal, Sonepat & Bhopal and one sub-Centre at Guwahati. `Sports` being a State subject, the onus of providing infrastructure including play grounds lies with the state Government. This apart, as per the scheme in vogue, infrastructure is also created in the Special Area Games (SAG) Centres of the Sports Authority of India, in case the concerned State Government does not provide required playing facilities and hostel.